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<b>Remarks:</b> Send the Ellsworth and Latimer correspondence and Ex Reg buckslip to <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> FYI, and asking that we 3 meet early next week (before IHC meeting) to talk about this in general. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 50px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">7 May 76</div>			
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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

DCI/IC 76-3528

The Honorable Robert F. Ellsworth  
Deputy Secretary of Defense  
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Bob:

This is in response to your letter of May 4, 1976 soliciting cooperation to improve the currency, accuracy and completeness of files available in the Community On-Line Intelligence System (COINS).

I have been informed that [redacted] the COINS Subsystem Managers for CIA and NPIC respectively, have been notified of the procedures contained in Tom Latimer's memorandum. I have asked that they take whatever actions may be required to assist the COINS Project Manager in this task, and I understand that they have already assured [redacted] of their full cooperation.

Sincerely,

George Bush

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SUBJECT DCI ltr to DepSecDef (Ellsworth) on improving quality control of COINS files

## SUMMARY

1. DepSecDef Ellsworth wrote to Mr. Bush to solicit DCI support of steps to be taken by the COINS Project Manager [ ] to improve the currency, accuracy and timeliness of intelligence information files that are part of the Community On-Line Intelligence System (COINS). CIA and NPIC contribute files to COINS, as do DIA and NSA.

2. When Dr. Schlesinger was DCI, he named ASD(I) to be the Executive Agent to improve COINS, since most of the files and users were from DoD. The DCI retained an overview responsibility, and designated Chm IHC as his point of contact. ASD(I) staff oversees the COINS Project Manager, and together they are taking steps to upgrade the communication network and to improve the quality control of the files.

3. The improvements requested by Mr. Ellsworth's letter are already underway with respect to CIA and NPIC files, and the COINS Project Manager has been so notified by the CIA and NPIC Subsystem Managers for COINS [redacted] (respectively). There will be full compliance with the request, and this does not pose a problem for either CIA or NPIC.

#### 4. Coordination.

a. CIA/DDI and NPIC assure us that the corrective action is or will be taken speedily. This message has been passed directly to the COINS Project Manager.

b. [redacted] the CIA subsystem manager feels strongly that no written reply to Mr. Ellsworth is necessary, and has so advised the Executive Secretary [redacted]. The NPIC subsystem manager is neutral.

c. Mr. McMahon, AD/DCI/IC has advised that a written reply should be prepared. The proposed reply is attached.

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<b>Remarks:</b>  <p>A letter from Mr. Ellsworth to the Director solicited DCI assistance in improving the quality of COINS files. The requested improvements are agreed to by CIA and NPIC and are being made speedily. The COINS Project Manager has been so notified by phone from CIA and NPIC officials.</p> <p>The attached letter is an acknowledgment and response to Mr. Ellsworth's request. Recommend the Director sign.</p>					
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Daniel J. Murphy, D/DCI/IC					
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